

# **CHAMPION POKER <sup>TM</sup>**

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### **Guidelines for Champion Poker™**

#### **PLAYING THE GAME**

Champion Poker is played on a Blackjack style table with a standard deck of 52 cards. In front of each player's table spot there are two wager areas, 5 Card Bonus and Texas Hold 'Em. Players must bet on the 5 Card Bonus game in order to play Texas Hold 'Em, or they may bet the 5 Card Bonus game only. The Texas Hold 'Em wager and the 5 Card Bonus wager must be equal. Texas Hold 'Em wagers are settled in the usual poker fashion.

If the player chooses to make the Texas Hold 'Em bet, the player will have two additional decisions to make. The first decision is made after the player receives his two (2) cards - the player may choose to play or fold. If the player chooses to play, he must match the blind wager; if he chooses to fold the player will forfeit his blind wager. The second decision is made after the dealer's cards are exposed - the player may choose to raise by placing a third wager in the raise circle equal to the blind and play wagers.

After all cards have been dealt, face down, the dealer first determines whether or not any of the players wish to forfeit their blind wager or continue to play Texas Hold 'Em. If the player chooses to play, he will place a bet in the "Play" circle equal to his "Blind" bet. If the player chooses not to play, he will forfeit his "Blind" wager. Upon player's making this first decision, the dealer will proceed to expose his two (2) cards and determine if any players choose to "Raise" the Texas Hold 'Em wager. Once the "Raise" wagers are made, the dealer will proceed to expose the next three (3) Community Cards known as the Flop. Once the three (3) Flop cards are exposed the dealer will settle all 5 Card Bonus wagers based on the posted pay table. Beginning to the dealer's right, the dealer will say "Five Card Bonus" or "pair of sevens or better to win". By saying one of those phrases aloud, it reminds the players, as well as the dealer, what is needed for the player to win his 5 Card Bonus hand. After the 5 Card Bonus wagers are settled, the dealer will then expose the Turn & River cards. From these seven cards the dealer and the player make the best five-card poker hand where the higher of the dealer's and each player's hands wins. The dealer's best five-card poker hand should be isolated from the five (5) community cards. Ties are pushes. The winning player's are paid even money on all wagers, i.e., the blind, play and raise wagers. Once the dealer settles all bets he moves on to the next game.

#### **BETTING FOR THE DEALER**

Management at each casino will make the final determination on bets (tips) for the dealer.

#### **HOW IS THE GAME DEALT**

The game may be dealt from a shoe or by automatic shuffler. If being dealt from a shoe, this is the recommended method:

### Deal from Shoe

The dealer will shuffle the deck using the house procedure for single deck shuffling. Upon completion of the shuffling process, the dealer will cut the deck using a one-handed “poker” cut, cutting the deck and placing the top half of the deck onto a cut card. Using the same hand, the dealer will grasp the bottom half of the deck and place it on top of the first half of the deck. The dealer will then place the deck in a shoe and begin dealing two cards, face down, to each player, and seven (7) cards face down in the appropriate boxes marked on the layout. The dealer removes the remaining cards from the shoe and places them into the discard holder.

### Automatic Shuffle Machine

An automated card-shuffling device may be used at all Champion Poker tables. When using a shuffler, the casino will be permitted to use a second deck of cards to play the game provided that:

- a) The backs of the cards are of different colors.
- b) The shuffling machine is shuffling one deck while the other deck is either being dealt or used to play the game.
- c) Both decks are continuously alternated in and out of play, with each deck being used for every other round of play.

The applicable house procedure for loading cards into the shuffler will be followed.

### **CHAMPION POKER: HAND RANKINGS**

The permissible poker hands in the game of Champion Poker, in order of highest to lowest rank will be:

- a) **“Royal Flush”** is a hand consisting of an ace, king, queen, jack and ten of the same suit.
- b) **“Straight Flush”** is a hand consisting of five (5) cards of the same suit in consecutive ranking, with king, queen, jack, ten, and nine being the highest-ranking straight flush and ace, two, three, four, five being the lowest ranking straight flush.
- c) **“Four-of-a-Kind”** is a hand consisting of four (4) cards of the same rank regardless of suit; with four (4) aces being the highest-ranking four-of-a-kind and four (4), two’s being the lowest ranking four-of-a-kind.
- d) **“Full House”** is a hand consisting of “three-of-a-kind” and a “pair”, with three (3) aces and two (2) kings being the highest ranking full house and three (3) twos and (2) threes being the lowest ranking full house.
- e) **“Flush”** is a hand consisting of five (5) cards of the same suit.
- f) **“Straight”** is a hand consisting of five (5) cards of consecutive rank, regardless of suit, with an ace, king, queen, jack and ten being the highest ranking straight and an ace, two, three, four and five being the lowest ranking straight. However, an ace may not be combined with any other sequence of cards for purposes of determining a winning hand (e.g., queen, king, ace, two, three).
- g) **“Three-of-a-Kind”** is a hand consisting of three (3) cards of the same rank regardless of suit; with three (3) aces being the highest-ranking three-of-a-kind and three (3), two’s being the lowest ranking three-of-a-kind.

- h) **"Two pairs"** is a hand consisting of two (2) "pairs", with two (2) aces and two (2) kings being the highest ranking two (2) pair and two (2) three's and two (2) two's being the lowest ranking tow (2) pair.
- i) **"One pair"** is a hand consisting of two (2) cards of the same rank, regardless of suit; with two (2) aces being the highest-ranking pair and two (2), two's being the lowest ranking pair.

## WAGERS

- a) The house will decide the table limits for the Five Card Bonus game and the Blind bet.
- b) Each player's two (2) cards and the three (3) Flop Community Cards comprises the 5 Card Bonus hand with a pair of sevens (7's) or better to win.
- c) The dealer exposes each player's two cards and the dealer's two cards, along with the five (5) community cards; the game is Texas Hold 'Em. From these seven cards the dealer and each player make the best five-card poker hand where the higher of the dealer's and player's hands wins. The Texas Hold 'Em wagers are settled in the usual poker fashion.
- d) All wagers at Champion Poker are made with gaming chips.
- e) Only Players who are seated at a Champion Poker table may wager at the game. Once a Player has placed a wager that Player will remain seated until the completion of the round of play.

## PROCEDURES FOR COMPLETION FOR A ROUND OF PLAY

- a) Each player that bets at Champion Poker will be responsible for his own play. No other person, other than the player or the dealer, may touch the player's wagers. Players may not place wagers on multiple betting circles. Cards must be kept in full view of the players and dealer at all times and within the parameters of the table.
- b) Each player's two (2) cards and the three (3) Flop Community Cards comprises the 5 Card Bonus hand with a pair of sevens (7's) or better to win.
- c) If the player chooses to play Texas Hold 'Em the dealer exposes each player's two cards and the dealer's two cards, along with the five (5) community cards, the game is Texas Hold 'Em. From these seven cards the dealer and the player make the best five-card poker hand where the higher of the dealer's and player's hands wins. The Texas Hold 'Em wagers are settled in the usual poker fashion.
- d) All cards are picked up, placed in the discard rack, and bets are placed for the next hand.

## IRREGULARITIES

- a) If any card is found face up in the shuffler, or the deck, while the cards are being dealt, all hands will be voided and the cards will be reshuffled.
- b) If any incorrect number of cards is dealt, all hands will be voided and the cards will be reshuffled.
- c) If any of the dealer's cards are inadvertently exposed prior to the dealer revealing his cards as described above, all hands will be voided and the cards will be reshuffled.
- d) If an automated shuffle machine is being used and the device malfunctions, jams or fails to deal the appropriate number of cards; the round of play will be voided and the cards will be removed from the device, checked by a casino supervisor, and the cards will be reshuffled.
- e) All above rules in effect only if using shuffle machine.

**PAY SCHEDULES**  
**Five Card Bonus**

Hand Type	Table A	Table B
Royal Flush	100	200
Straight flush	40	50
Four of a Kind	20	20
Full House	8	10
Flush	6	8
Straight	5	6
Three of a Kind	4	3
Two Pair	2	2
Pair 7s or Better	1	1

All payoff odds are "to 1".

Pay Table "A" - the house edge is  $100\% - 33.6296\% - 48.8084\% = 17.5619\%$ .

Pay Table "B" - the house edge is  $100\% - 33.6296\% - 47.7985\% = 18.5719\%$  [RECOMMENDED].

The hit frequency for both tables is 33.63%.

**Overall House Edges – Pay Table A**

Wager	Average Bet	House Edge per Total Wager
Player	$1+2.4806=3.4806$	$(17.5619\% - 14.5978\%) / 3.4806 = 0.8516\%$
Banker	$1+2.4988=3.4988$	$(17.5619\% - 14.1538\%) / 3.4988 = 0.9741\%$

**Overall House Edges – Pay Table B**

Wager	Average Bet	House Edge per Total Wager
Player	$1+2.4806=3.4806$	$(18.5719\% - 14.5978\%) / 3.4806 = 1.1418\%$
Banker	$1+2.4988=3.4988$	$(18.5719\% - 14.1538\%) / 3.4988 = 1.2627\%$